

CLASSIFICATION **CONFIDENTIAL**

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO.

CD NO.

COUNTRY Nicaragua

SUBJECT Disaffection in the Guardia Nacional
25X1C

PLACE
ACQUIRED  25X1A

DATE OF INFO.

25X1X

DATE DISTR. 4 January 1949

NO. OF PAGES 1

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

**SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.**

Return to CIA Library

1. No Nicaraguan Guardia Nacional groups are known to have entered into definite agreements with the Opposition, but [REDACTED] many officers and men are ready to switch sides the moment it appears advisable.
2. The young pilots in the Nicaraguan Air Force represent the principal element which is ready to conspire against Somoza. The pilots are disposed to collaborate because they believe they would be the determining factor in a new regime.
3. Somoza has retained the loyalty of the Guardia chiefly through paying good salaries to high officials and giving them opportunities to make money in other activities. However, Guardia officers in outlying areas have complained that their salaries barely provide them with food, and that the only officials who fare well are those around Somoza. Thus there is more dissatisfaction in the small towns than in Managua, and the opposition has many adherents among Guardia units throughout the country.
4. Not generally known is the fact that when the fall of Somoza seemed imminent in 1947, certain officers, including Col. Francisco Gaitan, Maj. Federico Davidson Blanco, the Department Commander at Rivas, and the commanders of the garrisons at Matagalpa and San Juan del Sur, discussed a deal with the opposition. When the situation resolved itself in favor of Somoza, this group made a quick about-face and backed the latter.

Document No.

NO CHANGE in Class.

DECLASSIFIED

~~SECRET~~
Class. CHANGED TO: TS S C

DDA Memo, 4 Apr 77

Auth: DDA REG. 77/1783

Date: 16/05/78 By: 008

~~WARNING~~
~~CLASSIFICATION~~ ~~NO~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[illegible]